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Nothing is known here officially of
the alternative proposition which is
reported to be preparing in Europe. It
contains the same feature as to prior
punishment as the original proposition.
It is not likely to receive approval here.

SECRETARY HAY'S RETURN.
The fact that Secretary Hay is ex-
pected to return to Washington next
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policy of the State Department. The
Secretary has been in the closest sym-
pathetic touch with all that has been
done respecting China and the stories
printed in Germany to the effect that
he is coming back to reverse these pol-
icies is pronounced at the State Depart-
ment to be absurd.

Mr. Conger was heard from in a
brief message to-day. This was not
published, but it is understood to in-
dicate an important development in the
MASSACHUSETTS CONFIRMED.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The Depart-
ment of State has received a dispatch
from the consular general at Shanghai,
dated August 17, 1900, in which it is
stated that confirmation has been re-
ceived of the massacre of the following
foreigners at Kuchau, Chekiang prov-
ince, on July 21, 1900:

Mr. and Mrs. Ward and child, Mr.
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dren, Miss Thergood, Miss Sherman,
Miss Manchester and Miss Desmond.

Miss Manchester's home was in New
York and Miss Desmond, in Massa-
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MINISTER WU APPROVES.
Washington, Sept. 29.—The Chinese
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suggestion by Li Hung Chang that the
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settlement of the entire Chinese ques-
tion. The minister was much gratified
at the favorable character of the ad-
vice from China, particularly the re-
ference of Earl Li to his constant com-
munication with Mr. Wu and the spec-
ial mention of the Chinese minister in
favor of the United States as mediator.

Mr. Wu from the first urged that the
United States should take a leading
part in the peace settlement and it is
probably due to his persistent efforts
that Li now takes the advanced position
in favor of the United States as mediator.

Since the suggestion has come from
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"While no final announcement of the
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coming, there was to-day reliable au-
thority for the statement that the mat-
ters still under discussion are of detail
merely, and that a satisfactory con-
clusion will be reached in a short time.
It is conceded everywhere in the
coal trade that the price of coal after
the strike will never settle down to the
same level as before. More than 10 per
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cording to reliable estimates, an in-
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The consumer, of course, will pay this
difference."

RAILROAD PRESIDENTS' ACT.
According to the Evening Post, a
coal operator said to-day that the rail-
road presidents have submitted the
terms for a settlement to the mine
operators to learn whether the
miners could be expected profitably
under them. The Post's informant
thinks President Mitchell will get
around the difficulty caused by the
non-recognition of the union in this
way. The proposition, the 10 per cent.
increase in wages, whatever it may
be, will be submitted separately to
each chapter of the Mine Workers
Union. When a chapter votes to accept
it and notifies President Mitchell of its
action he will endorse it on the ground
that the conditions in that particular
place warrant the suspension of deal-
ings with the main union district.

SITUATION AT SHENANDOAH.
Shenandoah, Pa., Sept. 29.—The only
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Gobin, Sheriff Toole and representa-
tives of mine operators relative to the
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ing was held at the solicitation of
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lieve the presence of the troops neces-
sary, since there is absolutely no in-
dication of violence on the strikers'
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ONE REGIMENT TO GO.
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the Associated Press correspondent
that the matter was in the hands of
General Gobin. After the death of her
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ment was at once formed between the
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developed with his eyes. He has ex-
perienced considerable pain with his eyes
of late, particularly when exposed to
strong light, and it is understood that
a specialist has recommended that the
organ be given a complete rest for six

months.

London's New Lord Mayor.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
London, Sept. 29.—Alderman Frank
Green was formally elected Lord Mayor
of London for the ensuing year at the
Guild Hall to-day. Mr. Green is a na-
tive of Maidstone, Kent, and is a pa-
per merchant. His wife, a daughter of
Joseph Haydn, the author of "Diction-
ary of Dates," died last winter, so the
duties of Lady Mayoress will be under-
taken by Mr. Green's daughter.

closing the mines and awaiting develop-
ments," was all that President
Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers,
would say to-night when asked whether
he had received any information from
New York or elsewhere as to what
the operators are doing in their
efforts to settle the coal strike. Al-
though he had diplomatically evaded
the question, there is a strong belief
that Mr. Mitchell is kept fully ad-
vised of the progress of events in the
metropolis.

COAL IS CHEAPER.

New York, Sept. 29.—Anthracite coal
was quoted at a ton cheaper to-day
than it was two days ago. This was
taken as an indication that the rail-
roads and others with stocks of coal
on hand regard an early settlement of
the miners strike probable.

CHURCHES TAKING PART.

The Catholic Papers are Supporting the
Conservatives—A Church Congress—
Rev. T. De Witt Talmage in London En-
route to Ireland—List of Persons Worthy
of Honors for Service in South Africa—
What Lord Roberts Will Get—A Secret
—New Papers to Appear.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
London, Sept. 29.—The election cam-
paign is developing unexpected heat